UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

CHRISTINE PARMELEE,

v.

Plaintiff,

ORDER 17-CV-6039

CONVERGENT OUTSOURCING, INC.,

Defendant.

Plaintiff Christine Parmelee (hereinafter "plaintiff") brings the instant action pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, alleging that the defendant violated the act by seeking collection of a legally unenforceable debt. See Complaint (Docket # 1). Presently before the Court are plaintiff's motion to strike several of defendant's affirmative defenses pursuant to Rule 12(f) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and defendant's motion to stay proceedings pending certification of a nationwide class in the District of Colorado. See Dockets ## 15, 19. On June 23, 2017, a hearing was held and arguments were heard from counsel on the motions. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Court stated its ruling on the record. For the reasons set forth on the record, it is hereby

ORDERED that plaintiff's motion to strike defendant's second third, fourth, fifth, sixth, and ninth affirmative defenses (Docket # 19) is granted without prejudice. Defendant may submit



an amended answer within **fourteen days** of this Order. It is further

ORDERED that defendant's motion to stay the proceedings pending certification of a nationwide class (Docket # 15) is granted in the interests of judicial economy and efficiency. The parties are directed to submit a status report to the Court within thirty days of a decision on the pending motion for preliminary class certification in the District of Colorado.

SO ORDERED.

JONATHAN W. FELDMAN

United States Magistrate Judge

Dated:

June 29, 2017

Rochester, New York